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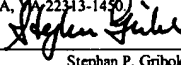
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- ☐ Together with the present application.
- ☒ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]
- ☐ After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first. [37 CFR § 1.97(c)]
- ☐ After a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, but prior to or with payment of the Issue Fee. [37 CFR § 1.97(d)]

Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

- ☐ No separate requirements are needed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

☐ **Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97©**

The fee of \$240.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97© as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

☐ **Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.97(d)**

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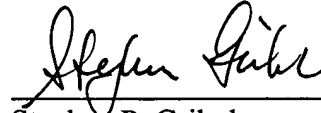
☐ This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_. The following references were

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Respectfully submitted,

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